

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 663

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FOR TAOS,
MCKINLEY, SAN JUAN, MORA AND COLFAX COUNTIES; DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION--EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF.--

A. The legislature finds that, because of the
recent heavy snows and winds in Taos, McKinley, San Juan, Mora
and Colfax counties:

(1) there are many elderly, sick and disabled
persons in several remote rural areas who are stranded and
cannot get out of their homes;

(2) there are many homes in rural areas
running out of propane because trucks cannot reach their homes

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1 on the snow-packed roads;

2 (3) there are thousands of cattle stranded and
3 facing starvation;

4 (4) the situation is of such magnitude that it
5 is beyond the control of local governments; and

6 (5) state expenditures are necessary to
7 provide those resources and services necessary to avoid or
8 minimize economic or physical harm until the situation becomes
9 stabilized and again under local self-support and control.

10 B. One million dollars (\$1,000,000) is appropriated
11 from the tax stabilization reserve to the local government
12 division of the department of finance and administration for
13 expenditure in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to take any action
14 necessary to alleviate the emergency situation in Taos,
15 McKinley, San Juan, Mora and Colfax counties, including
16 expenditures on a temporary, emergency basis for lodging,
17 sheltering, health care, food, snow removal and any
18 transportation or shipping necessary to protect lives or public
19 property; or for any other action necessary to protect the
20 public health, safety and welfare, as follows:

21 (1) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)
22 for Taos county;

23 (2) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)
24 for McKinley county;

25 (3) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)

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1 for San Juan county;

2 (4) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)

3 for Mora county; and

4 (5) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)

5 for Colfax county.

6 C. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance of the
7 appropriation in Subsection B of this section remaining at the
8 end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the tax stabilization
9 reserve.

10 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
11 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.